

Storm Alfred Debris Removal & Leaf Collection Information

11/16/11

Leaf Collection

Public Works crews will begin collecting leaves on [Monday, November 21, 2011](#). All leaves should be raked to the curb by this date to ensure collection. Group A streets will be collected first and completed before leaf crews move on to Group B streets and so on. Streets will receive one pass only. Click [HERE](#) for a listing of streets.

Debris Removal

On Tuesday, November 15th, the Town Council approved an appropriation of \$2+ million dollars for storm debris removal. AshBritt Environmental has been contracted by the Town to handle this project which is estimated to take 4-6 weeks to complete.

The deadline to move storm debris curbside for pickup is [Monday, November 21, 2011](#). Work to remove it is already underway. Crews are working to ensure that this process begins (and ends) as quickly and safely as possible. **Residents are asked to separate leaves and brush as best they can and, if possible, do not place brush under low hanging wires.** Streets will receive one pass only.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Town of Vernon is appealing to property owners not to abuse the debris removal service that is being provided. The purpose of the service is to remove storm related debris, not to subsidize the removal of non-storm related debris. As this project is intended to be mostly funded by FEMA, it is important that the debris brought curbside is only related to Storm Alfred or the Town's FEMA eligibility could be jeopardized.

Debris should not block sidewalks or be placed near utility poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, or in such a manner as to limit roadway and intersection visibility.

Some residents have noticed that the contractor has not collected all brush on a given street, and appears to be skipping around. This is a result of brush piles located directly under power lines. The contractor will return to these areas again with small equipment called skid steers to pull these brush piles out from under power lines so that the larger collection trucks can safely pick up the brush.

Machines and equipment used to remove debris are large, and there will undoubtedly be inconveniences, such as noise and additional traffic, resulting from this undertaking. We ask you to be flexible, patient, and understanding as we work with the contractor to ensure that public rights-of-way, which also serve as snow shelves for plow trucks, are clear of debris.

Brush Drop-Off

Last day for brush drop-off at Henry Park located at 120 South Street will be Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Transfer Station

Storm debris/brush will be accepted at the Transfer Station located on Hockanum Boulevard from permit holders only. Regular hours are Wednesday & Saturday 8am-4pm and Sunday 12-4pm, however, the facility will be closed on Wednesday, November 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Refuse & recycling will be accepted free of charge.

Rails To Trails

Residents are advised to avoid using trails until further notice.